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## NEWS RELEASE

### IAEM-USA Announces Winners of the 2011 IAEM-USA Uniformed Services Awards Competition

**Oct. 17, 2011 (Falls Church, Va.)** – The USA Council of the International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM) has announced the winners of its IAEM-USA 2011 Uniformed Services Awards Competition. The awards will be presented at the IAEM 59<sup>th</sup> Annual Conference & EMEX 2011, Nov. 11-17, 2011, in Las Vegas, Nevada.

The IAEM-USA Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year and the IAEM-USA Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year awards recognize individuals serving in the uniformed services of the United States who have consistently demonstrated significant contributions to the field of emergency management while continuously self-developing as emergency managers. Uniformed members may be Active Duty, Guard, Reservists or Auxiliary members. Civilians may include civil service or service contractors. Award winners must be engaged in emergency management as their primary function, and their nomination must include an endorsement by a senior/flag officer of their branch of service.

- The IAEM-USA 2011 Military Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award is awarded to **Senior Master Sergeant Michael R. Messina**, Command Emergency Management Functional Manager, HQ AFMC/A7OX, Wright-Patterson AFB, Ohio.
- The IAEM-USA 2011 Civilian Uniformed Services Emergency Manager of the Year Award is awarded to **Karen Blackwood**, Emergency Management Officer, Naval Support Activity Mid-South, Millington, Tennessee.

The IAEM-USA Council also awards a certificate of recognition to **Gary Cobb**, Chief of Readiness and Emergency Management Programs, Operations Division, 97<sup>th</sup> Civil Engineering Squadron, Altus AFB, Oklahoma.

Learn more about the IAEM-USA Council Awards Competition at [www.iaem.com/Awards](http://www.iaem.com/Awards), where the 2012 Call for Entries and Guidelines for these and other awards will be posted in Spring 2012.

The International Association of Emergency Managers (IAEM), which has more than 5,000 members in 58 countries, is a non-profit educational organization dedicated to promoting the goals of saving lives and protecting property during emergencies and disasters. IAEM provides: access to the largest network of emergency management experts who can provide advice and assistance; the Certified Emergency Manager<sup>®</sup> program; annual scholarships; a comprehensive monthly newsletter; and more. Visit [www.iaem.com](http://www.iaem.com) for details.